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By the populous land or the
lonely sea,
Lo, these were the gifts of
the gods to men—
Three miserable gifts, and only
three:
To love, to forget, to die—
and then?
To love in peril and bitter-
sweet pain,
And then forgotten, lie down
and die;
One moment of sun, whole sea-
sons of rain—
Then night is rolled to the
door of the sky!
—Joaquin Miller.

CORRUPTIONISTS UNMASKED.

The result of the autocratic power of the news monopoly of Portland, represented in the Oregonian and Telegram, is plainly seen in recent expositions of fraud.

Before the Oregon Daily Journal came into the field the Oregonian was the chief source of news in the state. Being a bitter and unreasoning partisan, the Oregonian has given out only such news as was not detrimental to its party; it has whitewashed official villains and suppressed public plundering until the people at large have actually come to think that Oregon is a clean and incorruptible state.

Until the recent municipal corruption and official league with gambling and vice in Portland was exposed by the Journal, it was supposed that the venerable George H. Williams, mayor of Portland, was a veritable saint.

He has been canonized and whitewashed all these years by the Oregonian, yet the unanswerable exposure of municipal corruption in Portland, by the Journal, have caused many hands to be raised in consternation and wonder.

Men who have led clean lives for 30 years do not change to corruptionists at the very close of their active careers. So the inference must be that their rottenness has been hidden all these years only to be revealed by chance at last.

Huger Hermann has been sugar-coated and whitewashed and carried on chips by the Oregonian for 25 years. He has been kept in office by the dishonest and double-dealing of that paper in deceiving the people. The truth comes out at last and Hermann is found to be on a level with the worst in league with a gang of the most consummate rogues that ever infested a state.

Is it reasonable to believe that the people of this district would have kept him in congress had they known of his dishonesty? It is an insult to their intelligence and character to say that they have openly endorsed his corruption, which now comes to light, in spite of the Oregonian's shielding duplicity.

It is refreshing and invigorating to see the rogue unmasked in the heyday of his imagined safety. It is well that the cloak be torn from the official rascal and that his rotten life be exposed to the contempt of his people. It marks an epoch in public morals.

Judging by the degree of guilt of these public "saints," the people may form some idea of the wilful crime committed by the deceitful Oregonian against the interests of the state for the past quarter of a century. Since it has been such a consummate knave in the past, what can its readers hope for the future?

A NEW JERUSALEM.

Israel Zangwill, the Jewish writer and leader among the Zionists, has been conducting a crusade among his people of New York along the lines of action inspired by the late Dr. Theodore Herzl, the creator of the idea of a reunited Jewry. The success attending his efforts, both in England and this country, show that the cause of Zionism has gone beyond the first stage of enthusiasm,

which was largely fostered by the personal influence of its recently deceased leader, and that it can now be reckoned as a permanent factor in the future of the scattered peoples of Israel.

The London novelist introduces a new idea into the scheme for a permanent Jewish state, an idea that probably will not find wide favor even among the most earnest of the workers. Despairing of building up a new Judea in the land of the ancient domain of the Hebrew kings, Mr. Zangwill advocates the establishment of the new Jerusalem in the British principality of Uganda on the West African coast, keeping Palestine only as an ideal goal to be obtained when the Turk shall have relinquished his hold upon it in the possible contingencies of future necessity.

He urges that Uganda presents not a desert, but the richness of a tropical jungle land; that natural resources would be such as to assure the growth of a strong and wealthy agrarian state there in the very choicest of Africa's fertile lands. The milk and honey of old Canaan would flow again in the new Palestine on Africa's shore. Whether or not Mr. Zangwill's departure from the original propaganda of Zionism finds followers is scarcely material to the growth and influence of the cause. The great work which the movement is doing today is that of revivifying the spirit of fellowship and cementing the community of interest between the Jews of Europe and America. Born of it is the idea of nationality.

The Zionist considers himself not merely a member of a race, but one of a nation whose destiny can be fulfilled only when once again the walls of the temple are reared. Until the theoretical spirit of Zionism finds acceptance everywhere the practical may be held in abeyance. Uganda and Palestine are both far in the future; today only the seeds of the ancient prophecy may be sown.

A significant fact relating to the church and newspapers is just brought to light in Rome. The Catholics dominate the city of Rome and yet the oldest and most influential church paper, the Voce della Verita, has suspended publication. In the city are swarms of anti-church and secular papers, all thriving and aggressive. The situation is explained by the New York Tribune, which says the pope's opposition to the press is responsible for the deterioration of the church journals. In opposing the spread of journalism in the interest of the church, he is building up thousands of aggressive and powerful public enemies to the church in the secular press.

The "St. Still Club" has just been organized at Lincoln, Neb., by well-known business and professional men. The object of the club is the improvement of street car facilities. The members say that the street car company is not operating enough cars and they propose to compel an improvement in the service by declining to surrender their seats to women when the cars are crowded. They maintain that the company will never

improve the service until women agitate the question and demand an improvement, and they believe that women will take vigorous action when they find that men will not surrender their seats to them.

THE LOST OCCASION.

Farewell, fair day and fading light!
The day borne here, with westward sight,
Marks the huge sun now downward
sag.
Farewell! We twain shall meet no
more.

Farewell! I watch with bursting sigh
My late contemned occasion die;
I linger useless in my tent,
Farewell, fair day, so foully spent!

Farewell, fair day! If any God
At all considers this poor clod,
He who the fair occasion sent
Prepared and placed the impediment.

Let him diviner vengeance take—
Give him to sleep, give me to wake
Girded and shod, and bid me play
The hero in the coming day.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Leg Was Amputated.

For a long time Patrick McDonald, one of Sherman county's leading farmers, who makes his home at Wasco, has been suffering intensely from rheumatism. He has resorted to every remedy, but no help was found and a few weeks ago while he was at Collins Hot Springs, pus formed in the left knee. Dr. Ferguson was summoned and he was brought to the hospital here. Failing to respond to treatment and the septic trouble affecting his heart, it was found necessary to amputate the leg above the knee, which operation was performed Sunday.—The Dalles Chronicle.

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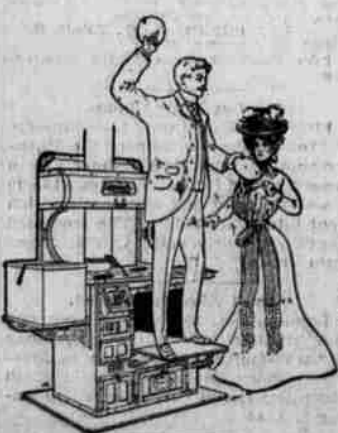


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